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Allied interests  
within the  
Atlantic area**



*Photo/TSgt. Patricia Collins*

## A holiday feast

TSgt. Venetia Williams puts the finishing touches on the Thanksgiving Day holiday display at the dining facility. For more on an old-fashioned Thanksgiving meal, see Pages 6 and 7.

## Trees held at customs

**Importation of North American Christmas trees conflicts with European law**

**Patricia Collins**  
*NCOIC, public affairs*

The planned Boy Scout Christmas tree sale scheduled for this weekend is in jeopardy, according to base officials due to a recently discovered European Union law that prohibits the import of North American trees.

As a result of the law, Portuguese authorities did not allow the trees on the Strong Cajun, which arrived Wednesday to be accepted by base officials. Regional Government authorities worked hard with base officials but were unable to find a solution. The Regional Government is trying to provide suitable alternative native Christmas trees in cooperation

with base officials.

According to Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, Team Lajes should not view this for anything more than what it is – conscientious government officials who have come upon a very restrictive law and see no way around that law. “It is unfortunate though that this issue rose just days before the trees arrived on the island,” he said.

According to Eduardo Lima, 65th ABW public affairs community relations advisor, people can still find either live or artificial trees available on the local economy.

“People can expect to find live trees for sale beginning the

## Down day

Dec. 12 has been designated a 65th Air Base Wing down day. Col. Rod Gibson, 65th ABW Commander identified the day as a down day after base personnel met the goal of an on-time rate of 96 percent for officer performance reports and enlisted performance reports.

## Cookie drive

A base-wide cookie drive will be held Monday and Tuesday. Wing and squadron leadership will deliver cookies to dormitory residents Wednesday. People who want to make cookies for this event should wrap one dozen cookies up and tie them with a bow. Cookies may be dropped off at the chapel annex between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

## Gas purchases

Credit cards and delayed payment plan cards may now be used at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service service station for the purchase of gasoline.

## Decal poster contest

The 65th Security Forces Squadron is implementing a community policing effort called SafeHouse Program and is asking DoDDS students to try to come up with a logo for these houses. A safehouse is a place for people to go if they feel threatened or have been injured and need temporary refuge. Safehouses will be located in the military family housing areas as well as Santa Rita Hill. These houses will be identified by a special decal.

Decals should be brightly colored and the words certified safehouse must be on it. The winner of the poster contest will have their art displayed on the safehouse and will receive Army and Air Force Exchange Service and 65th Services Division coupons. Prizes will also be awarded for second and third place posters.

Deadline for posters is Dec. 19 and winners will be announced Jan. 9.

For more information, call Ext. 24266.

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Photo/TSgt. Patricia Collins

## AAFES closures

SrA. Jason Brinning, 65th Medical Group, right, buys several items at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service shoppette from Jose Adriano, shoppette employee. Due to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Christmas party Sunday, several AAFES facilities will close early. The shoppette will close at 6 p.m. and will reopen Monday at noon. The movie theater will have an early showing at 4 p.m. and then will close. It will reopen Monday at 7 p.m.

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## Trees

middle of December," Lima said. These trees are usually sold in the parking lot outside the main gate and at the market at Praia.

Artificial trees can be found at many of the local stores. Colors may vary from what many Americans are used to and they may not be quite as tall, but they are available.

Gibson said, "Base leadership is working this issue very hard with two objectives. First to ensure the Boy Scouts do not suffer financially and second to ensure that all Lajes families get a suitable Christmas tree."

Gibson asked people to standby as wing leadership works through these circumstances and more information becomes available.

## police blotter

The Police Blotter are true incidents that have affected members of the Lajes Field Community for the period of Nov. 20 to 26.

### Breaking & Entering/Damage to Government Property:

Nov. 22 – Theft of Private Property/Off-Base/Secured. Lower-T. Person(s) unknown broke into an Air Force member's shed and stole several items from the shed. The replacement cost is \$265.

Nov. 24 – Breaking & Entering/Off-Base. T-246/(vacant building). Person(s) unknown broke into the facility and damaged the facility. Damage to the facility consisted of damage to the ceiling and a section of the roof. The cost of repair is unknown.

Nov. 20 – Burglary/Off-Base/Secured. Santa Rita Hill. Person(s) unknown broke into an Air Force member's quarters, through a window, and stole local currency out of the quarters. Replacement cost is \$144.

Nov. 22 – Theft of Private Property/Off-Base/Secured. Lower-T. Person(s) unknown broke into an Air Force member's vehicle and stole several miscellaneous items from the vehicle. The replacement cost is \$105.

Nov. 22 – Burglary/Off-Base/Secured. Santa Rita Hill. Person(s) unknown broke into an Air Force member's quarters through the

back door, and removed some food from the refrigerator. The replacement cost is \$5.

### Vehicle Accidents:

Nov. 20 – Minor Vehicle Accident/Off-Base/No-Injuries. Adjacent to South Tanks. A GOV was struck by a local national operating a POV. Damage or circumstances of the accident is unknown at this time

Nov. 24 – Minor Vehicle Accident/On-Base/No-Injuries. Adjacent to T-630. An Air Force member was backing out of a parking spot when it struck veh #2. Damage to veh #1 consisted of minor dents on the rear passenger side. Damage to veh #2 consisted of dents to the drivers side door. Estimated repair cost is unknown.

Incident	20 Nov 97- 26 Nov 97	97 CYTD
Assaults	0	13
Domestic Assaults	0	3
Burglary	2	33
B&E/Sheds	1	30
B&E/Gov't Bldgs	1	34
Larceny	2	131
Unsecured Buildings	0	157
Vehicle Accidents	2	83
DUI	0	3
Vandalism	0	75



# Team Lajes

## Honor Roll

### Elementary School

**Principal's List** – Emily Newton, Shawna Evans, Kelly Birch, Eric Allen, Justin Brandenburg, Lindsey Schaefer, Nichole Walch, Courtney Knickerbocker, JonMichael Monheim, Ryan Maassen, Kelly McGrath, Tony Cook, Rachel Hammes and Whitney Walton

**High Honors** – Tori Lalich, Emily Rankin, Zach Walch, Nick Addis, Dustin Burrill, Ben Enfield, Jason Repass, Jennifer Danielson, Jessica Martin, Sarah Gill, Rebecca Hammes, Amanda Kriesel, Ryan Murphy, Alyssa Rosenberg, Justin Wells, Chelsey Jenkins, Karissa Wright, Michael Shaffer, Kayla Curcio, Paul Gipson, Craig Metzger, Brittany Jenkins, Daniel Johnson, James Kahle, Justin Nadal, Sarha Pfeil, Aliza Herard, Lyndsay Keith and Justin Carlton

**Honor Roll** – Nick Babcock, Maria Dembrosi, Stephanie Munnell, Rebekah Mazany, Philip Andrus, Brian Shearer, Jacob Peterson, Sheila Fulton, Robert Garza, April Beckesh, Janae Andrus, Ken Kaczmarek, Myles Pilkay, Alex Brown, Tony Ferguson, David Hapney, Jonathan Torrell, Crystal Fowler, Veronica

Graden, Jared Decaccia, Rachel Pangburn, Tyler Renner, Michelle Vaz, James Duval, Jessica Komenda, Damian Walker, Candace Davis, Sean Graydon, Matthew Mangan, Precious Wu, Meredith Langley, Kristen Hodge, Eric Epperson, Daniel Bradley, Noel Carpenter, Morgan Hale, Robert Isaacs, Adria Lipscomb and Brittney Young

### High School

**Top Honors** – Ian Birch, Bill Blake, Desiree Freeman, Cheryl Gibson, Ashley Herard, J. E. Hernandez, Steven E. Keith, Sarah E. Kriesel, Murra Kent, Joshua R. Pangburn, Megan E. Pierce, Victoria A. Pierce, Andrea N. Sibole, Brett Skates, Aylin Tanyeri, Bilge Tanyeri, Angelique Torell, Holly Van Liere and Brigitte Wetz

**Highest Honors** – Jonathan Allamani, Michael Allen, Veronica Anderson, Victoria Andry, Kevin Ballantine, Grace Blake, John Blake, Stephen Cable, Joey Crouch, Dana Fuller, Danielle Greene, Latoya Hall, Antonia Harris, Richard Hess, Kathryn Keith, Nicloas King, James A. Kohlwes, Christopher D. Lalich, Elizabeth M. Maltos, Curtis J. Monette, Heath Murra, Jack Murra, Rebecca Peterson, Chasity Raybuck, Nicole, K. Ruff, Steven A. Shaffer, Jenna M. Smith, Kyle F. Smith,

Travis L. Steele, Candice Treasure, Melissa M. Veltman and Marlene E. Wu

**High Honors** – Michael Addis, Nina Allamani, Jennifer K. Andrades, Carlos Benitez, Lamar N. Boynes, Danielle K. Brooks, Shayna Brothers, Erik Catalfu, Brian Coleman, Amber Crouch, Celetia A. Daniels, Joy Drafton, Michelle Fuller, Elysa Hamrick, James A. Hamrick, Bryan C. Hastye, Amber Hess, Kevin Hodge, Nakesa S. Holmes, Joseph Hubbard, David Johnston, Aaron G. Juracek, Casey Kahle, Kate M. Kelley, Bryan S. Komenda, Crystal M. Lee, Jennifer N. Lee, La Caille Lee, Danielle Nichols, Danny R. Norton, Kevin Ramirez, Minnie Raven, Pamela Raven, Antonio Ribeiro, Joyce Smith, Jerry C. Van Liere, Adam R. Winterton, C. A. Winzerling and William A. Yoakum

## Births

A daughter, Megan Elizabeth Lynch, born Oct. 28 at Andrews AFB, Md., to SSgt. Greg and Jennifer Lynch, 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron.

## Promotions

The following pinned on the rank indicated at the wing promotion ceremony held Nov. 26 at the

Top of the Rock club.

**To senior master sergeant** – David Billings, 65th Transportation Squadron. TO SMSGT

**To master sergeant** – Timothy Lomas, 629th AMSS.

Michael Potter, 65th Supply Squadron.

Shelley Clark, 65 ABW

**To technical sergeant** – Joseph A. Ferrell, 65th CES.

John Hamilton Jr., 629th AMSS

Jeffrey Brandenburg, 65th Medical Group

Jeffrey Bone, 65th Communications Squadron

Todd Weber, 65th CS

Rodney Stow, 65th Supply Squadron

Michael Dobbs, 65th TRNS

Cory Edmiston, 65th TRNS

**To staff sergeant** – Sprague, Jermaine Sprague, 65th MG

Angelo Gonzalez, 65th CS

Cheri Pagan, 65th CS

Matthew Gross, 65th SUPS

Steven Palmer, 65th TRNS

Also promoted during November was:

**To senior airman** – Theresa Willfred, 65th MG

**To airman first class** – Duane Lansing-Howard, 65th CS, Christian Sabins, 65th CS and Charles Collins, 65th CES.



## Lajes Team Player



SrA. Arturo Otarola

**Unit** - 65th CS

**DEROS** - February 1999

**How do you contribute to the Team Lajes mission** - I contribute by serving as the help desk supervisor for the base.

**Like least about Lajes** - Being so far away from home and family.

**Like most about Lajes** - I like the people, especially the people I work for and live with in the dorms. I could not do it without them.

## action lines

Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, presents SrA. Sean Lulofs, 65th Security Forces Squadron, with an award for the best room at the Lajes Youth Center haunted house.

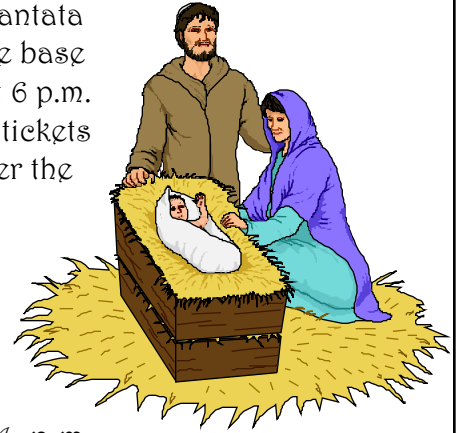


The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Items of base wide interest will be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122	AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124	Hospital	23615
Civil engineer	26113	Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411	CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114	Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832	TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213	Personnel flight	23612
Services	21322/beeper 169-1174		
<b>Action Line</b>	<b>24240</b>		

## Christmas Cantata

The Christmas Cantata will be held at the base chapel Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. Reserve seating tickets are available after the service or at the chapel office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will not be a 4 p.m. performance as previously advertised. For more information, call Ext. 24211.



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## Eat healthy this holiday season

**Capt. Debra Maxwell**  
*65th Medical Group, registered dietitian*

Are you like most Americans who gain anywhere from five to eight pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day? Don't be a statistic this year. There is a way to enjoy all your favorite foods without all those extra pounds.

First, let's look at a typical holiday meal, complete with all the trimmings. Let's assume you ate chips and dip as an appetizer, six ounces of self-basting turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, candied sweet potatoes, Jell-O salad, dinner roll and butter, pecan pie with ice cream and a tall glass of eggnog. The meal would give you about 140 grams of fat and about 2,500 calories.

To put that into perspective, men should aim for no more than 50 to 60 grams of fat per day while women should aim for no more than 40 to 50 grams of fat per day. Assuming you are male, this one meal would give you 250 percent of your fat allowance for the day. Calories are also excessive, considering your maintenance needs are somewhere around 2,500 calories per day.

What is a hungry celebrant to do? Enjoy the food and cut back on the fat -- here's how.

Ever wonder what "self-basting" means? It means the turkey has been injected with fatty oil

and as it bakes, the oils come out and run down the side. To cut back on the fat, get the old-fashioned turkey without the fat injected into it. Another option would be to buy just a turkey breast; it's lower in fat and easier to carve.

Carve down the portion size while you're at it. A serving of meat is the size and thickness of a deck of cards.

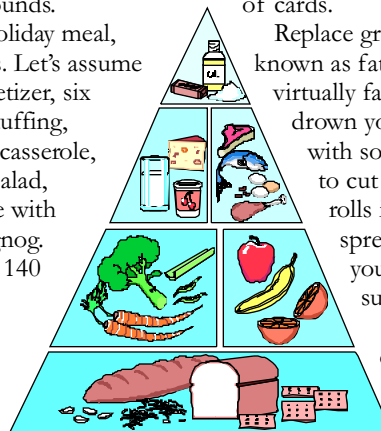
Replace gravy made with meat drippings (also known as fat) with gravy from a dry mix, which is virtually fat free. Instead of fat-laden soups to drown your green beans, serve them stir-fried with some ginger root. Use sugar-free Jell-O to cut back on calories and dip your dinner rolls in the fat-free gravy instead of spreading it with gobs of butter. Make your own eggnog with skim milk and egg substitute.

Pecan pie is one of the highest fat desserts. Start a new tradition and serve strawberry shortcake. Angel food cake is naturally fat free, as are strawberries and now there is fat-free toppings.

Using these delicious substitutes could cut your fat intake down to 15 grams for this festive holiday, saving you 125 grams of fat.

What if you've already done the damage and want to know how to reverse the process. A crash diet is not the way to do it. You'll lose muscle mass, not fat. And after all, losing fat is the goal.

Join our SMART class to learn more, or call the Health Hut at Ext. 23889.





## Why can't Portuguese nationals drive privately owned vehicles with a U.S. Forces Azores license plate?

**A:** This question isn't something I would ordinarily answer, so I spoke with the 65th Security Forces Squadron.

According to Air Force Regulation 125-14, Lajes Field Supplement, Paragraph 7-3b, "Use of POVs by Portuguese nationals is strictly forbidden. No person will give, loan, rent or otherwise furnish POVs registered under this directive to a Portuguese national. The only exception is for a licensed garage mechanic with the owner's permission, who may drive vehicles directly to and from a maintenance garage or to road test repairs made. Anyone caught loaning their

POVs are subject to a fine of 10,000 to 10 million Portuguese escudos and a possible confiscation of the vehicle by the local police."

I've also checked with the Portuguese Customs Office in Angra who told me that because the U.S. POVs are exempt from paying road and automobile taxes on the island, they are to be driven by their owners or their immediate dependents only.

## Has TAP-Air Portugal airline had any aircraft accidents during its history?

**A:** TAP- Air Portugal only had one major aircraft crash since the airline started flying Sept. 19, 1946. The accident happened at the airport of Santa Catarina on the Island of

## ask Ed

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Madeira on Nov. 19, 1977 when a Boeing 727-282 aircraft with 164 people on board (eight crew members and 156 passengers) crashed while trying to land at the airport.

Heavy rain showers, crossed winds and low visibility made an initial approach to the runway very difficult. After a light improvement of the

weather conditions, the pilot decided to try a second approach. The aircraft managed to land, but it was impossible to stop as it hydroplaned over the runway and plunged over a steep bank, bursting into flames. The accident claimed the lives of 131 people; six crew members and 125 passengers.

## Four reasons to recycle

Lajes Field now has a recycling contract that picks up aluminum cans, paper, computer paper, magazines, newspapers and flattened cardboard.

For all offices on and off base, pickups are made based on the following schedule:

Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., paper, magazines, newspapers, computer paper and flattened cardboard.

Friday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., aluminum cans

For military family housing, pickups are made each Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recycling helps in four ways.

**It saves natural resources** by making products from recycled materials instead of new materials we conserve land and reduce the need to drill for oil and dig for materials.

**It saves energy.** It takes less energy to make recycled products. Recycled aluminum for example takes about 95 percent less energy than new aluminum from bauxite ore.

**It saves clean air and water.** In most cases making products from recycled materials creates less air pollution and water pollution than making products from new materials.

**It saves landfill space.** When the materials you recycle go into new products, they don't go into landfills or incinerators, so landfill space is conserved.

For more information regarding recycling, call Capt. Carolyn Langley at Ext. 23101 or Orlando Lima at Ext. 26507. (Story courtesy of Capt. Jeff Heiderscheidt, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron unit public affairs representative)

## COMACC wishes you a happy, safe holiday season

**Gen. Dick Hawley**  
ACC Commander

Once again the holiday season is upon us and affords us an opportunity to focus on family, friends and fellowship. In this festive atmosphere we still must remember safety.

As you plan your holiday travels this year, take a moment to consider the hazards you'll face, then strive to minimize the risks.

Use the principles of Operational Risk Management that you have learned. This should be a most joyous season, but for too many people it turns out to be one of the most tragic.

The roads and airways will be filled with people who have worked all day, then set a late course to their destinations - including many of our own people. Unfortunately, when we

push too hard, we heighten the risk of injury or death to ourselves and our traveling mates.

So please make sure the person behind the wheel is well rested. Take frequent breaks and don't over extend yourself. While we all want to reach our loved ones, it shouldn't be at the expense of your, or anyone else's, well being.

And though it should go without saying, do not drink and drive. We still have people who think they can do both. You not only increase the risk of injury to yourself and others, but risk losing your career.

With a little planning and some good common sense, we can all enjoy the holidays with our loved ones. Mary Ellen and I wish you a very happy holiday season.

# *Making an old-fashioned Thanksgiving Day meal*

Patricia Collins  
NCOIC, public affairs



SSgt. Annette Lyons ices one of the cakes.

Old-fashioned, home-cooking. This is what was promised, and delivered, by the 65th Services Division Food Services Section for Thanksgiving Day.

According to TSgt. Venetia Williams, Thanksgiving Day was a resounding success at the Tradewinds dining facility.

"We must have fed about 250 or more people for lunch," she said.

Lunch consisted of turkey, roast beef, ham, dressing and all the rest of the trimmings that go with a holiday meal.

To prepare the meal about a dozen people worked extremely long hours, many of whom volunteered their off-duty time. It took about 160 pounds of turkey, 105 pounds of roast, 65 pounds of ham, 30 cans of yams and about 21 pounds of green beans to make this meal.

"We wanted to make this really special," said Williams. "We know what most Ameri-



Norberto Lourenco dices apples for the Waldorf salad.



Col. Rodney Gibson, 65th ABW Commander, and JoAnn Kemp serve Thanksgiving Day dinner.





cans expect for Thanksgiving and how to cook it, so we decided that we would cook the meal from beginning to end. Several people who worked in other areas of food service worked overtime to help make this meal special."

And special it was – from the flavors and aromas filling the air to the decorations, like hurricane lamps providing ambience and the Thanksgiving display inside the door.

The turkey display was created by Williams who spent about six hours of prep time with only a fraction of that needed to "put it together." The cake with a picture of a turkey on it was made by her husband, TSgt. Don Williams, who is also in food services.

Once all the food was cooked and put in its place, base and squadron leadership took on the task of serving the food.

When all was said and done, and the doors closed for good that night, Williams and her troops went home knowing they had provided the very best, old-fashioned Thanksgiving meal they could.



SrA. Loren Poole adds margarine to the dressing.



*Photos/TSgt. patricia Collins*

SSgt. Nick Tsanes gets broth to use to make the gravy.



TSgt. Don Williams gets the turkeys ready for serving.

# Act paves way for 2.8 percent raise, some other allowances

SMSgt. Jim Katzaman  
*Air Force News Service*

WASHINGTON — President Clinton signed the fiscal '98 Defense Authorization Act Nov. 18, paving the way for a 2.8 percent basic pay raise and boosts in other allowances.

The act also supports a ballistic missile defense program, adds extra money for national missile defense and puts high priority on theater missile defense.

Congressional conferees also supported the president's original requests for funding the F-22 Raptor and the Air Force development of the Joint Strike Fighter. More money is also authorized to either buy more B-2 bombers or to modify and repair the existing fleet.

Besides the 2.8 percent pay raise that takes effect Jan. 1, the act mandates that military compensation not be reduced for personnel assigned to duty away from a permanent duty station or while assigned to duty under field conditions at home station.

Congress also directed that basic allowance for quarters and variable housing allowance be consolidated into a non-taxable allowance based on housing costs for civilians with comparable income levels residing in the same area.

The act also calls for rate protection for overseas allowances to protect airmen from reductions not caused by currency fluctuations, as long as housing costs have not been reduced.

Other pay provisions include:

- Raising family separation allowance from \$75 to \$100 per month;

- Increased flexibility for quality-of-life hardship duty pay, raising the limit to \$300 per month;

- More hazardous duty compensation with pay varying for duties that include parachute jumping, aerial flight, explosives demolition and aircraft carrier flight-deck duties.

The act also increases aviation career incentive pay for aviators with more than 14 years' service. It also increases retroactively, through Oct. 1, 1996, the maximum bonus for continuing an aviation career from \$12,000 to \$25,000.

Congress also authorized \$139.1 million for cooperative ballistic missile defense programs, \$51 million for the tactical high-energy laser program and \$13 million for the Russian-American Observational Satellite project.

The act provides \$2.1 billion for F-22 research and development, and \$74.9 million for advance procurement. It also matches the president's request of \$458.1 million for Air

Force Joint Strike Fighter development.

B-2 Spirit funding stands at \$331.2 million for fleet modification and repair if the president certifies to Congress that more bombers are not needed.

Unmanned aerial vehicles also have increased funding, especially \$141.5 million designated for replacement Predators and other spares. Another \$192 million will pay for high-altitude endurance UAVs such as Global Hawk and DarkStar.

In other people programs, the act adds 30 percent to the original requests for family housing construction and improvements, including \$296 million earmarked for the Air Force. Another \$32 million will fund building of seven child-development centers.

Congress added \$274 million to fully fund TRICARE.

To support retirees, Congress also directed the secretary of defense to evaluate the "feasibility, advisability and cost" of extending the current mail-order pharmacy program to all Medicare-eligible beneficiaries who do not live near military medical facilities.

The act also permits Gulf War veterans not eligible for care in the Veterans Affairs system, and who suffer from a Gulf War illness, to receive care through the military health system on the same basis as active-duty people.

Congress rejected the president's proposal to keep federally employed civilian reservists from taking penalty-free leave to serve their annual two-week military training period. Conferees then restored \$85 million to the reserve component military personnel accounts to fund such leave.

For commissaries, Congress put into law the 5 percent surcharge, requiring the Department of Defense to get congressional permission to make any change. DOD also has to give 90 days' notice to Congress of any change in commissary pricing policies.

Conferees also said that integration of military exchanges "should not occur until a due diligence study of relative advantages and disadvantages is completed." That study would also have to state that exchange mergers would be in the best interests of DOD.

In a privatization move, the act directs DOD to submit to Congress a plan to establish public-private partnerships so private entities could operate morale, welfare and recreation activities. This would reduce government costs but still generate profits to support MWR programs.



## Air Force Worldview

### Some TDY pay increases

The recently approved 1998 National Defense Authorization Act included several provisions to increase financial assistance to airmen separated from their families because of temporary duty or unaccompanied permanent changes of station.

Beginning Jan. 1, people eligible for family separation allowance Type II, or FSA-II, will see their monthly payment increase from \$75 to \$100. FSA-II is payable to people separated from their families more than 30 days because of TDY or serving on unaccompanied tours. The payment is intended to partially offset the cost of the separation.

Some examples of separation costs include payment for work around the house a spouse would do if at home, member expenses for laundry, telephone calls, mail, etc.

While the specifics of how the new provision will be implemented are still being worked out, the end result will be more money per month in the pockets of people who previously would have seen their compensation reduced. This provision becomes effective Jan. 1.

### Expect to pay sales tax

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) — Consumers who buy a vehicle overseas may face having to pay sales tax on their purchase when they return to the United States. Some car dealers tell their U.S. military customers that buying a vehicle overseas is a tax-free deal.

"This is not the case," according to legal officials at the 86th Airlift Wing Staff Judge Advocate office here.

"Car dealers are most likely referring to the tax-free status military members enjoy under the Status of Forces Agreements the United States and host nations develop," said Tech. Sgt. Patricia Proen, noncommissioned officer in charge of the unit's civil law division.

Sales tax liabilities vary from state to state. Consumers can get more information at their nearest legal office. Ask for the "Digest of Motor Laws" The digest is also available to American Automobile Association members via the Internet.



# Pigskin Picks

Week  
14

This week **Dane McKenzie** took first-place honors with a 13-2 record. He'll receive a Superbowl XXXI mug courtesy of the 65th Services Division. Random prize winners were **Tim Dinnean** and **Tom Harmon**, who will each receive prizes courtesy of Services; and **Larry Veltman** who gets a T-shirt from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service New Car Sales division.

Winners can pick up their prizes at public affairs, Bldg. T-100. **Prizes not claimed within two weeks will be redistributed.**

## Top 20 after Week 14:

1	Chris Coleman	131-62
2	David Conley	130-63
3	Deb Huntley	128-65
4	Parry Campbell	127-66
	Carmen Gonzalez	127-66
	Charlene Longley	127-66
7	ESPN	126-67
	Jessie Miles	126-67
	Mikell Wetzell	126-67
10	Bradley Mangan	124-69
	Doc Russell	124-69
12	Matt Gross	123-70
	Daron Hampton	123-70
	Antonio Ribeiro	123-70
15	Jeffrey Bone	122-71
	Jennifer Brownmiller	122-71
	Rob Gibson	122-71
	John Thurmon	122-71
	Leonard Turner	122-71
20	Randy Bialcik	121-72

## Bottom five

112	Julie Shaffer	94-99
113	Dave Hicks	92-101
113	Francisco Nogueira	92-101
115	Irene Moore	91-102
116	Rebecca Mosley	89-74

**\*\* ESPN** is taken from the ESPN.sportszone.com web sight each Thursday. This is provided to see how our prognosticators (who chose the whole season) stack up against the 'pros' who pick week to week.



Photo/TSgt. Patricia Collins

## Basketball season

Intramural and Over-30 basketball kicked off Monday. Intramural games are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Over-30 basketball games also started Monday. Games are held Monday through Thursday at 11 a.m. and noon. The season continues through Feb 2.

# Briefly

## Racquetball tournament

A Class A, B and C racquetball tournament will be held Jan. 25 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Chace Fitness Center.

Also, a racquetball coaches meeting will be held Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. For more information, call Ext. 25151

## Treadmill reservations

Beginning Jan. 5 people may call the Chace Fitness Center to reserve a time on the treadmill. Two treadmills will be available for 30-minute intervals. Patrons may call 24 hours prior to the reservation time. For more information, call Ext. 25151.

## Aerobic classes

The following is an aerobic class schedule:

- Monday through Friday – Noon to 1 p.m. Class begins Monday.
- Monday through Thursday – 6 to 7 p.m. Class begins Dec. 22 and is Monday and

Wednesday only.

- Saturday – 1 to 2 p.m. Class begins Monday. For more information, call Ext. 25151.

## Chess meeting

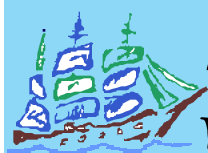
An intramural chess coaches meeting will be held Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center. Intramural chess begins Jan. 20. For more information, call Ext. 25151.

## Sports Zone

The Sports Zone carries color graphic T-shirt, engraving plaques, X-press design and gift items as well as a wide selection of sports apparel. For more information, call Ext. 25151.

## Machine familiarization

The Chace Fitness Center will be giving instructions on the proper use of exercise equipment beginning Jan. 12 and every Monday after that from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 25151.



## Trade Winds

### Saturday

Lunch: El rancho stew, roast turkey and pasta primavera

Dinner: Cajun baked fish, chicken chow mein and beef stroganoff

### Sunday

Lunch: Roast beef, grilled ham steak and broccoli-chix spud casserole

Dinner: Baked Italian sausage, fried chicken and Mexican casserole

### Monday

Lunch: Salsiche, sausage, peppers and onions, meatloaf and chicken a la king

Dinner: Chili macaroni, veal steaks and bean and cheese enchiladas

### Tuesday

Lunch: Rojoes, diced pork and potatoes, pineapple chicken and healthy heart stroganoff

Dinner: Salisbury steak, barbecue spare-ribs and curried fish with garbanzo and rice

### Wednesday

Lunch: Spaghetti, lasagna and balcalhau a gomes (codfish and potatoes)

Dinner: Swedish meatballs, sweet and sour pork and roast turkey

### Thursday

Lunch: Lombo do porco, roast pork, tamale pie and vegetarian stuffed cabbage

Dinner: Beef and corn pie, baked fish with garlic butter and summer spaghetti

### Dec. 12

Lunch: Feijoada, Chinese five-spice chicken and sukiyaki

Dinner: Grilled ham steak, szechwan beef and tuna noodle casserole

*(Note: Menu subject to change without notice.*

*Daily hotline menu: Ext. 24248.)*

## Briefs

### Annual cookie contest

The library is holding its biggest event of the year – the Annual Cookie Contest. The contest is open to everyone. There are two categories, children 7 to 12; and adults, 13 and older. Judging is Dec. 16 at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call Marcie Babcock at Ext. 23688.

### Geography Bee

The Lajes Field Elementary School will hold a Geography Bee Dec. 15 at 8:45 a.m. in the elementary school gym. Participants include students from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. For more information, call Linda Price at Ext. 26216.

### Holiday greetings

Det. 6, Air Force News Agency is video taping holiday greetings for units to air on TV8. It's a 15- to 20-second message. Vid-

eos may be made through Dec. 12. For more information, call Ext. 23361.

### FSC volunteer

The Family Support Center is looking for at technical sergeant volunteer who wants to make a difference here at Lajes. This is a special duty position as the FSC readiness NCO. For more information, call Ext. 24139.

### Red Cross courses

The American Red Cross will be holding these courses. All will be held at the Family Support Center classroom.

- Baby sitting course for youth 11 years and older Saturday and Dec. 13
- Community First Aid and Safety, Dec. 20.
- HIV/AIDS Awareness, Dec. 15
- Healthy Baby/Healthy Pregnancy, Jan. 7.

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Call Ext. 22369

# CLASSIFIEDS

[bushey@abw65.lajes.af.mil](mailto:bushey@abw65.lajes.af.mil)

- 1985 VW GTI, good condition and well maintained. Clutch, front and rear struts, front tires - all replaced in last 12 months, \$2,600. Call Ext. 21326 or 56150.

- Cottage H-201A. Two bedroom, one bath, new paint, three ceiling fans, walled yard on end unit, lawnmower included, new security light and more, \$6,000 OBO. Call Ext. 28454 or 22369.

- Free. Adorable black and white kitten. Very loving and playful. Call Ext. 28311.

- Cottage for sale. H-165. Large kitchen with pantry and lots of counter space. maple wood cabinets in kitchen and bathroom. cozy stone fireplace with wood mantle and glass/screen enclosure. Bright and open. Lots of windows. Large living room and dining room. Laundry room, utility room. Enclosed front and back yards. Two large bedrooms with lots of closet space. Two additional rooms off of bedroom - can be used for den, playroom or sitting room. Lots of storage space. Three ceiling fans and window coverings throughout. Available at the end of De-

cember. Call Ext. 28114 anytime.

- For sale: 1995 Chrysler Cirrus LXI. Power windows, locks, seats, CD player, leather interior. 39,000 miles. Will sell for book value of \$14,700. Also for sale baby monitor set. Call Ext. 27925.

- Wanted, used bikes, any condition and size for the Toys for Tots ride in December. For sale, Bianchi mountain bikes, 21 and 24 speed. Best bikes on the island starting at \$275. Also, for sale, bianchi road bikes, Celeste Green, 14-16 speed starting at \$580. Call Ext. 28755.

- Free to a good home, one and a half year old female cat. Spade and current shots. All white with one green eye and one blue eye. Very sweet and loves attention. Call Ext. 28352 (home) or Ext. 26112 (work) and ask for Shawn.

- For sale, 1993 PGO Comet scooter, \$600. Call SSgt. Isaacs at Ext. 24205 (work) or after duty hours at Ext. 57708 (home).

- For sale, snorkeling gear. Complete set includes 6mm top and bottom wetsuit, mask with purge valve, snorkel, gloves, boots and fins. Excellent for Lajes water. Paid more than \$450. Will sell for \$300. Call Greg at Ext. 23227 or 28081.

Classified ads run on a space available basis for two weeks.



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For more information, call Ext. 23516.

## Office closure

The Civilian Personnel Office will be closed Dec. 12 from noon to 5 p.m. for an official function. For more information, call Ext. 24208.

## Breakfast with Santa

Have breakfast with Santa Dec. 20 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lajes Youth Center. There will be door prizes and photos will be taken for a fee. The cost for breakfast is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 9 and younger. For reservations or details, call Ext. 23273.

## Lajes Teen Center events

- Basketball and pool shoot-out today

## AFI 36-2903

### Tip of the Week

Have you looked in your closet lately? Do you have a full set of uniforms? Yes. Including blues. Do they fit? By regulation, you are required to maintain a full set of uniforms at all times. This way when you have to wear them for a seminar or training, you're prepared and don't have to run to clothing sales hoping they have your size in stock. Think UCDDP. Above all, be in standards, you represent us all.

### Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m.

- Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m.

Evangelical service

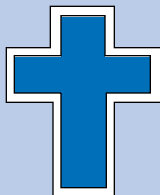
Noon Gospel service

### Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass — 10:30 a.m.



## Thought for the Week

*"A blessing awaits the man  
who is kindly, since he  
shares his bread with the  
poor."*

Proverbs 22.9

from 8 p.m. to midnight for teens in grades 7 to 12. Contests are at the LYC gym.

- A teen bake sale will be held Dec. 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the commissary.

- A teen skate party will be held Dec. 26 from 7 to 11 p.m. in the skating rink. The cost is \$10 or \$5 for teens with a membership card. The event is for teens in grades 7 to 12. Free hot dogs and soda will be served at the Lajes Youth Center at 7 p.m.

- There will be a New Year's Eve Lock-In in the skating rink Dec. 31 from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. The lock-in is for teens in grades 7 to 12. The cost is \$15 or \$10 for teens with a membership card. Snacks and breakfast will be served. Permission slips are needed by Dec. 26.

For more information on any of these events, call the LYC at Ext. 23273.

## LYC events

- Gymnastics sign-ups will be held through Dec. 15 Monday through Friday from noon to 5:30 p.m.

- Family Dinner Night is Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The dinner special is chicken alcatra and french fries. Eat in or take out. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 9 and under.

- Today's social is Games Night from 7 to 10 p.m. for ages 6 and up. The cost is \$2 with a membership card.

- Indoor swimming at Angra will be the social for Dec. 12 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 with a membership card and \$2 for a swim cap.

- Christmas caroling and a hayride will be social Dec. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$2 with a membership card.

- Snow ball dancing will be the social Dec. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$5 with a membership card.

For information on youth socials and events, call Ext. 23273.

## Job information line

The Civilian Personnel Office has installed a job information line which can be accessed 24 hours a day seven days a week.

This line will be updated each Friday and will contain all openings for the following week as well as any additional application information. It is recorded in both English and Portuguese and contains announcements for both U.S. and local national positions. For more information, call Ext. 26332.

## Spouses club meeting

The Enlisted Spouses club will hold their

December general membership meeting Tuesday at the Family Support Center at 7 p.m.

Members will hold a potluck Christmas party and gift exchange afterwards. Those who want to participate in the gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift with a value of \$5 to \$10. All spouses of enlisted personnel and civilian equivalents are welcome to attend. For more information, call Ext. 28782.

## Office closure

The Troy State University and City Colleges of Chicago will be closed from Wednesday through Dec. 20. For more information, call Ext. 23375.

## Hillside Lanes

The Hillside Lanes Pro-Shop has new shoes in all sizes for men and women. During December, selected Pro-Shop merchandise is 30 percent off. For more information, call Ext. 26169.

## Vehicle disposal

Manny's Auto Repair can now dispose of unwanted vehicles for base customers. Manny's processes all the required paperwork, drains the fluids from the vehicle and will tow it. Appointments must be made two weeks prior to the required turn-in date. For more information, call Ext. 23174.

## Coaches needed

Volunteer coaches and officials are needed for the youth basketball and cheerleading season. Sign up by Jan. 16. Call Ext. 21197 to volunteer.

## Youth camps

- A basketball camp will be held at the Lajes Youth Center gym Jan. 12 to 15. Sign up by Jan. 9. Sign up for the basketball season Dec. 15 to Jan. 9 with late sign-ups being held Jan. 12 to 16.

- A cheerleading camp will be held at the Lajes Youth Center gym Jan. 17. Sign up by Jan. 16. Sign up for the cheerleading season Dec. 15 to Jan. 9 with late sign-ups being held Jan. 12 to 16. For information, call Ext. 21197.

## New Year's Eve party

The Top of the Rock club is holding a New Year's Eve party Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. Tickets can be bought through Dec. 15 for \$12.50 each. Dinner is not included in the price.

For more information, call the club at Ext. 23202.

## Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



### Saturday

**In and Out**  
PG-13 (L•S)  
90 min.

• Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck. A small town teacher is "outed" by a former student who wins an Academy Award for playing a gay character. On the eve of his wedding, he must convince everyone including his fiancée that it's all a misunderstanding.

### Sunday

**Soul Food**  
R (L•S)  
114 min.  
4 p.m.  
Theater closes until Monday for function

• Vanessa Williams and Vivica Fox. The food is the focus that unites a family torn apart by their troubles. The weekly get together that's almost lost during a period of personal tragedies is saved when the youngest family member finds a way to bring everyone back to the table.

### Monday

**The Game**  
R (L•S•V)  
128 min

• Michael Douglas and Sean Penn. A businessman receives a gift of a mysterious adventure game from his brother. He soon finds himself fighting for control of his life as the game drives him towards madness.

### Tuesday

**A Thousand Acres**  
R (L)  
106 min.

• Jessica Lange and Michelle Pfeiffer. Three sisters are involved in family secrets and jealousies. Their father decides to distribute the family farm to his daughters with disastrous results.

### Wednesday

**The Edge**  
R (L•V)  
121 min.

• Anthony Hopkins and Alec Baldwin. A model has her rich, but much older husband come with her on a photo shoot. But when their plane crashes in the middle of nowhere, a strong mind game erupts between the jealous husband and younger photographer as they try to get back to civilization.

### Thursday

**In and Out**  
PG-13 (L•S)  
90 min.

• See Saturday for details.

### Dec. 12

**The Edge**  
R (L•V)  
121 min.

• See Wednesday for details.

## SATURDAY

0030 CNN Showbiz Today  
0100 Internal Affairs (PG)  
0300 Throw Mama From the Train (PG)  
0500 Headline News  
0530 CNN/SI  
0600 ABC World News Tonight  
0630 NBC Nightly News  
0700 Puzzle Place  
0730 Lamb Chop's Play Along  
0800 Darkwing Duck  
0830 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries  
0900 Aaahh! Real Monsters  
0930 Eerie, Indiana  
1000 Nova  
1100 Hometown  
1130 Burt Wolf's Menu  
1200 Headline News  
1230 Navy Marine Corps News  
1300 NBA Basketball: Utah at Portland  
1530 Headline News  
1600 WWF Superstars  
1700 Soul Train  
1800 ABC College Football: TBA  
2130 20/20  
2230 College Football: Big 12 Conference Championship Game

## SUNDAY

0200 Headline News  
0230 Videolinks  
0300 Don Juan Demarco (PG)  
0500 Headline News  
0530 Outreach Of Love  
0600 Songs of the Season  
0630 Hour of Power  
0700 Family Times  
0730 Just Kids  
0800 Casper  
0830 Arthur  
0900 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman  
1000 North (PG)  
1200 Headline News  
1230 Air Force TV News  
1300 College Basketball: Kentucky at Indiana  
1530 Headline News  
1600 WCW Wrestling  
1700 NFL Football: Green Bay at Tampa Bay  
2000 NFL Football: Minnesota at San Francisco  
2300 Headline News  
2330 Wall Street Journal Report

## MONDAY

0001 Computer Chronicles  
0030 America's Black Forum  
0100 Austin City Limits  
0200 Friday Night  
0300 Headline News  
0330 CNN/SI  
0400 NBC Meet the Press  
0500 Sesame Street  
0600 Muppet Babies  
0630 Kiana's Flex Appeal  
0700 Sesame Street  
0800 Muppet Babies  
0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal  
0900 Oprah Winfrey  
1000 Port Charles  
1030 Guiding Light  
1100 General Hospital  
1200 Headline News

1230 Wheel Of Fortune  
1300 Today  
1500 Christmas Special  
1530 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective  
1600 Capt. Planet  
1630 All That  
1700 Jeopardy!  
1730 ESPNews  
1800 Headline News/News 8  
1830 Navy Marine Corps News  
1900 CBS 60 Minutes  
2000 Murphy Brown  
2030 Fired Up  
2100 New York Undercover  
2200 Headline News  
2220 News 8  
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno  
2330 ESPN Monday Prime

## TUESDAY

0100 ABC Monday Night Football Carolina at Dallas  
0400 Headline News  
0430 NBC Nightly News  
0500 Sesame Street  
0600 Mr. Roger's Neighborhood  
0630 Fitness Beach  
0700 Sesame Street  
0800 Mr. Roger's Neighborhood  
0830 Fitness Beach  
0900 Montel Williams  
1000 Port Charles  
1030 Guiding Light  
1100 General Hospital  
1200 Headline News  
1230 Wheel Of Fortune  
1300 Today  
1500 Masked Rider  
1530 Bobby's World  
1600 Bill Nye the Science Guy  
1630 Saved By the Bell  
1700 Jeopardy!  
1730 ESPNews  
1800 Headline News/News 8  
1830 CNN Showbiz Today  
1900 Sliders  
2000 1997 Billboard Music Awards  
2200 Headline News  
2220 News 8  
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno  
2330 Late Show with David Letterman

## WEDNESDAY

0030 CNN Showbiz Today  
0100 He Said, She Said (PG)  
0300 Touch of Truth (PG)  
0500 Headline News  
0530 CNN/SI  
0600 ABC World News Tonight  
0630 NBC Nightly News  
0700 Sesame Street  
0800 Barney and Friends  
0830 Body Shaping  
0900 Oprah Winfrey  
1000 Port Charles  
1030 Guiding Light  
1100 General Hospital  
1200 Headline News  
1230 Wheel Of Fortune  
1300 Today  
1500 Tailspin  
1530 Beethoven  
1600 Batman  
1630 Space Cases  
1700 Jeopardy  
1730 ESPNews  
1800 Headline News  
1830 Showbiz Today  
1900 Clueless  
1930 King of the Hill  
2000 Star Trek DS9  
2100 X-Files  
2200 Headline News  
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno  
2330 Late Show with David Letterman

## THURSDAY

1230 Showbiz Today  
0100 Demolition man (PG)  
0300 A Strange Affairs (PG)  
0500 Headline News  
0530 CNN/SI  
0600 ABC World News Tonight  
0630 NBC Nightly News  
0700 Sesame Street  
0800 Fraggle Rock  
0830 Fitness Beach  
0900 Montel Williams  
1000 Port Charles  
1030 Guiding Light  
1100 General Hospital  
1200 Headline News  
1230 Wheel Of Fortune  
1300 Today  
1500 Animaniacs  
1530 Goof Troop  
1600 Goose Bumps  
1630 Nick News  
1700 Jeopardy  
1730 ESPNews  
1800 Headline News/News 8  
1830 Showbiz Today  
1900 The Single Guy  
1930 Mad About You  
2000 Caroline in the City  
2030 Newsradio  
2100 Law and Order  
2200 Headline News  
2220 News 8  
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno  
2330 Late Show with David Letterman

## Dec. 12

0030 Showbiz Today  
0100 Of Men and Mice  
0300 On the Streets of LA  
0500 Headline News  
0530 CNN/SI  
0600 ABC World News Tonight  
0630 NBC Nightly News  
0700 Sesame Street  
0800 Barney and Friends  
0830 Kiana's Flex Appeal  
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